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CURRENT REACTION, ATTN IOR/M IBS IPS INE

1. MILITARY COUP IN CHILE WIDELY REPORTED AND COMMENTED ON. LEFTIST PAPERS HIGHLIGHTED REPORTS OF CONTINUED FIGHTING. PRO-COMMANDO AL MUHARRIR FRONT-PAGED HEADLINE: "STREET FIGHTING IN CHILE". PRO-CAIRO AL YOUN: "FORMER ARMY COMMANDER LEADS RESISTANCE". COMMUNIST AN NIDA BANNERED: "CHILE: RESISTANCE IS CONTINUING. SPLIT WITHIN ARMY. INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN OF CONDEMNATION EXPANDS".

2. EDITORIALY, AL MUHARRIR SAID: "WE NEED NOT POINT ACCUSING FINGERS AT US AND SAY IT STANDS BEHIND MILITARY COUP IN CHILE. THIS IS TAKEN FOR GRANTED. WASHINGTON ITSELF HAS EVEN ADMITTED THIS LESS THAN 24 HOURS AFTER COUP... ALLENDE'S MISTAKE IS THAT IN RULING HE DID NOT RELY
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UPON WORKING CLASS WHICH IS ONLY ONE WHICH CAN BE

TRUSTED TO PROTECT REVOLUTION. HE INSTEAD CONTINUED TO FOLLOW TRADITIONAL DEMOCRATIC PROCESS IN UNNATURAL SITUATION IN WHICH CAPITALISM AND BOURGEOISIE CONTINUED TO DOMINATE ECONOMY, POLITICS AND ARMY, PROTECTED BY CONSTITUTION TO WHICH ALLENDE HIMSELF CONTINUED TO ADHERE". COMMUNIST AN NIDA TALKED ABOUT VIOLENT HARRASSMENT CAMPAIGN AGAINST LEADERS OF PROGRESSIVE PARTIES, PARTICULARLY COMMUNISTS, AND SAID: "CHILE IS DROWNING IN BLOOD WHILE FASCIST CLIQUE, WHICH MUTINIED AGAINST LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT AND ASSAULTED POPULAR UNITY GOVERNMENT THAT ENJOYED PEOPLE'S CONFIDENCE WITH FORCE OF ARMS, TALKS ABOUT RETURN OF CALM TO COUNTRY, STABILIZATION OF SECURITY, AND ITS SUCCESS IN 'LIBERATING' COUNTRY FROM MARXISM AND PROMISES COUNTRY THAT STAR OF CHILE WILL SHINE BRIGHTLY AGAIN AND THAT CONSTITUTIONAL INSTITUTIONS WILL FUNCTION AGAIN".

3. CONSERVATIVE AL HAYAT NOTED THAT COMMUNISTS IN ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD STRONGLY DENOUNCED MILITARY COUP IN CHILE AND SAID: "IT IS NATURAL THAT PRELIMINARY IMPRESSION GIVEN BY THIS DENUNCIATION IS THAT THOSE EXPRESSING IT BELIEVE IN LEGALITY AND CONSTITUTIONAL SYSTEM AND IN PEOPLE'S RIGHT TO HAVE FIRST AND FINAL SAY IN SOCIAL SYSTEM AND LEGISLATIVE & EXECUTIVE POWERS CHOSEN FOR COUNTRY". BUT, PAPER WENT ON, THOSE NOW CONDEMNING CHILEAN COUP HAVE BEEN TAKING DIFFERENT ATTITUDES TOWARD MILITARY COUPS IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF WORLD DURING PAST HALF CENTURY. "NEITHER PRAVDA NOR TASS HAVE CONDEMNED SCORES OF COUPS THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN THIS AREA OR REGARDED THEM AS AGGRESSION AGAINST LEGALITY OR CONSTITUTIONAL SYSTEMS. ON CONTRARY, IN MOST CASES AND ON MANY OCCASIONS, THEY HAVE ENCOURAGED AND BLESSED MILITARY COUPS WHENEVER COUP LEADERS WERE SUPPORTING MOSCOW OR ACTING UNDER ITS GUIDANCE. BUFFUM

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